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The relevance of cited documents 8 to 14 is discussed in the present specification.

Please note that documents (1) U.S. Patent No. 4,778,972 and (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,077,457 are English-language equivalents of (13) JP 62-4523 and (14) JP 2686796, respectively. In this

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regard, document (15) JP 2145215 is believed to be the Japanese publication of document (14) JP 2686796, and document (16) JP 6304819 is believed to be the Japanese publication of document (3) JP 3371014. In addition, documents (7) EP 652067 and (6) EP 787554 are English-language equivalents of (3) JP 3371014 and (5) JP 9-57539. A copy of the International Search Report from corresponding PCT Application No. PCT/JP2005/019265 is enclosed, which cites references (3), (4) and (5). Please note that English-language abstracts were not available for documents (8) to (12). Also, we were unable to locate a copy of document (3) JP 3371014, although its English-language counterpart, EP 652067, is provided herewith.

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